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Love Unlimited

GWEN POOL

Part 3



045

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QUEENPOOL

♡ Part 3 ♡

New York, the
most beautiful
place in the world.

A place where the
freaks and outcasts of
the world can come to
be themselves.








I feel like I've used
that line before, but
I can't imagine where.



A land of third
chances.



A place where
someone, no
matter what their
past, can come
to have a shot
at happiness.



And maybe...
just maybe...

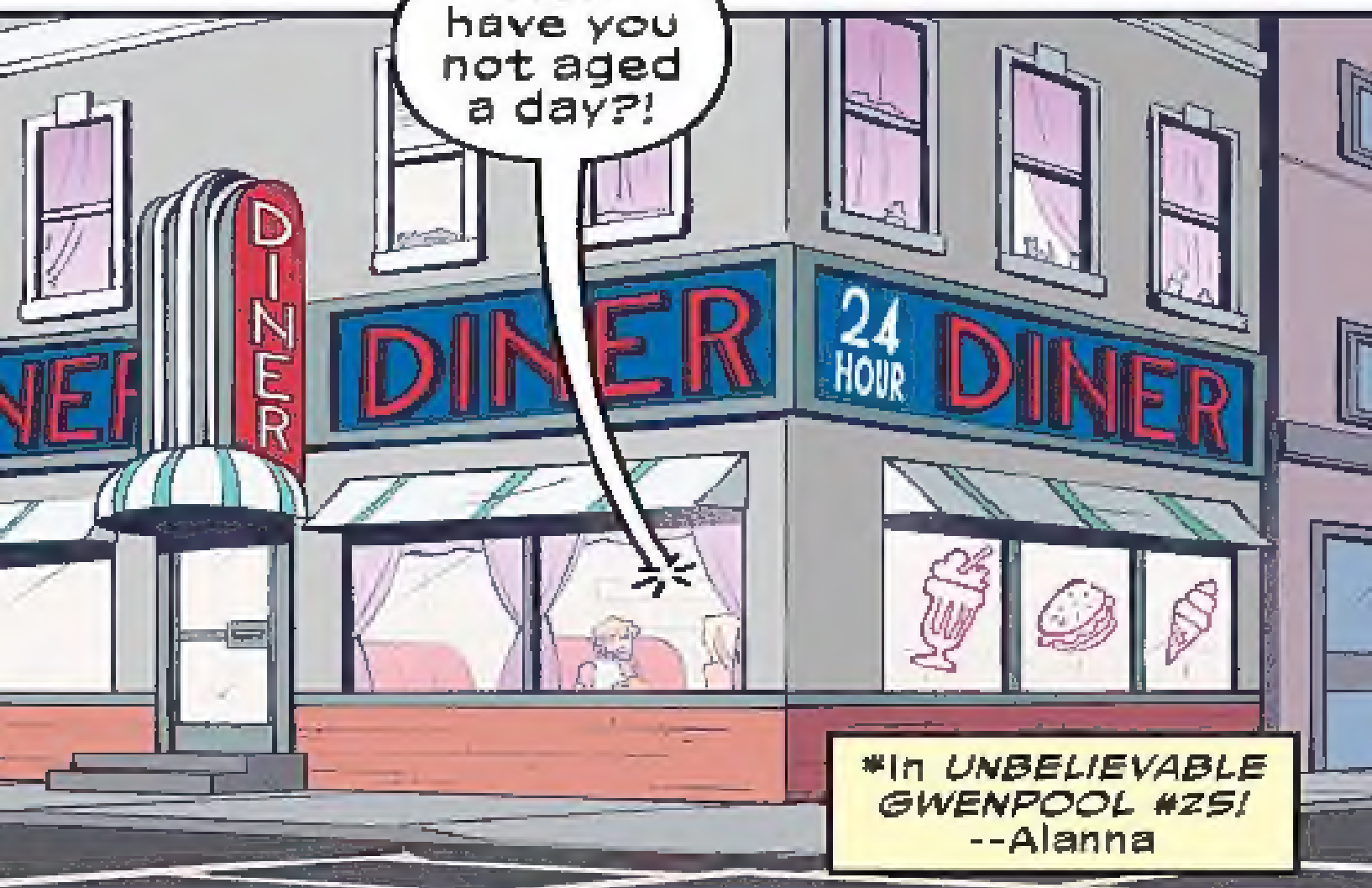


...LOVE.

Oh my
gosh! I knew
I recognized
you, Gwen!

We fought
together when
I was just a
kid.*

How
have you
not aged
a day?!



*In **UNBELIEVABLE
GWENPOOL #25!**
--Alanna

Well, *Julie
Power*, my powers
kinda bend reality.

kinda bend reality,
so occasionally,
I time-travel.

Sometimes
without meaning
to.

I was
trying to do
all the things
I wanted
to do.

One of
those things was
a team-up with Power
Pack, so I ended up
going back in
time.



Wow, those
are pretty
amazing

fascinating
powers!

They
sound pretty
complicated
too.

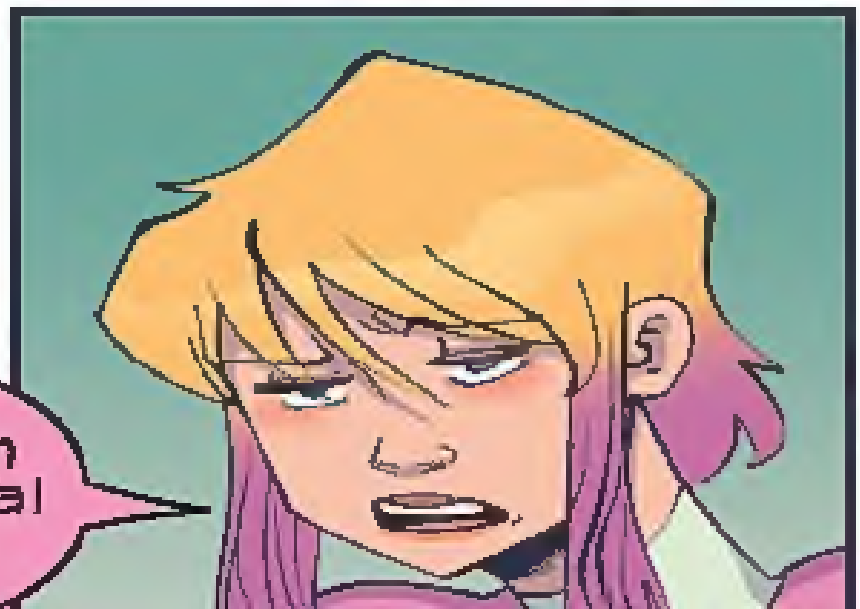
You know,
teleportation
and fighting World-
Eaters don't bother
me so much these
days.

But time
travel freaks
me out. It can
really mess
you up.



Oof,
you have no
idea!

For a long
time, I wasn't even
sure if I was in a real
world or just one
I imagined.





I thought the things I did didn't actually affect anyone *real*, and then I kinda got pulled into being a villain.

That sounds terrifying. How did you figure it out?

Well, I realized that it didn't matter. I know *I'm* real. I know what kind of person I want to be.

And that's not the kind of person who hurts other people when I could help them.



Even if,
at the end of
the day, this is all
a weird dream and
I end up back in
my bed in *my*
world...

...I'd still be
the person who
made the choices
I made, you
know?

Does
any of that
make sense?
I feel like I'm
rambling.



Actually...
that's really
profound,
Gwendolyn
Poole.

You know,
I can't even bring
myself to make bad-
guy choices in video
games. It just
feels icky?

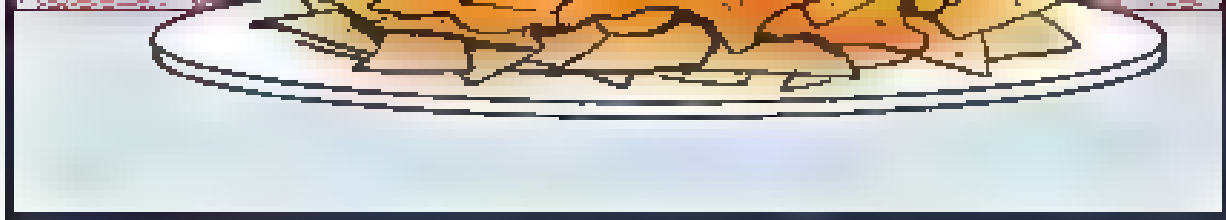
feels...icky?

My mom used
to always say the
person you really are
inside is the things you
do when nobody's
looking.

I'm so
glad I saved you
from the path of that
falling creature
today.

The Avengers
don't always look
where things are
falling.

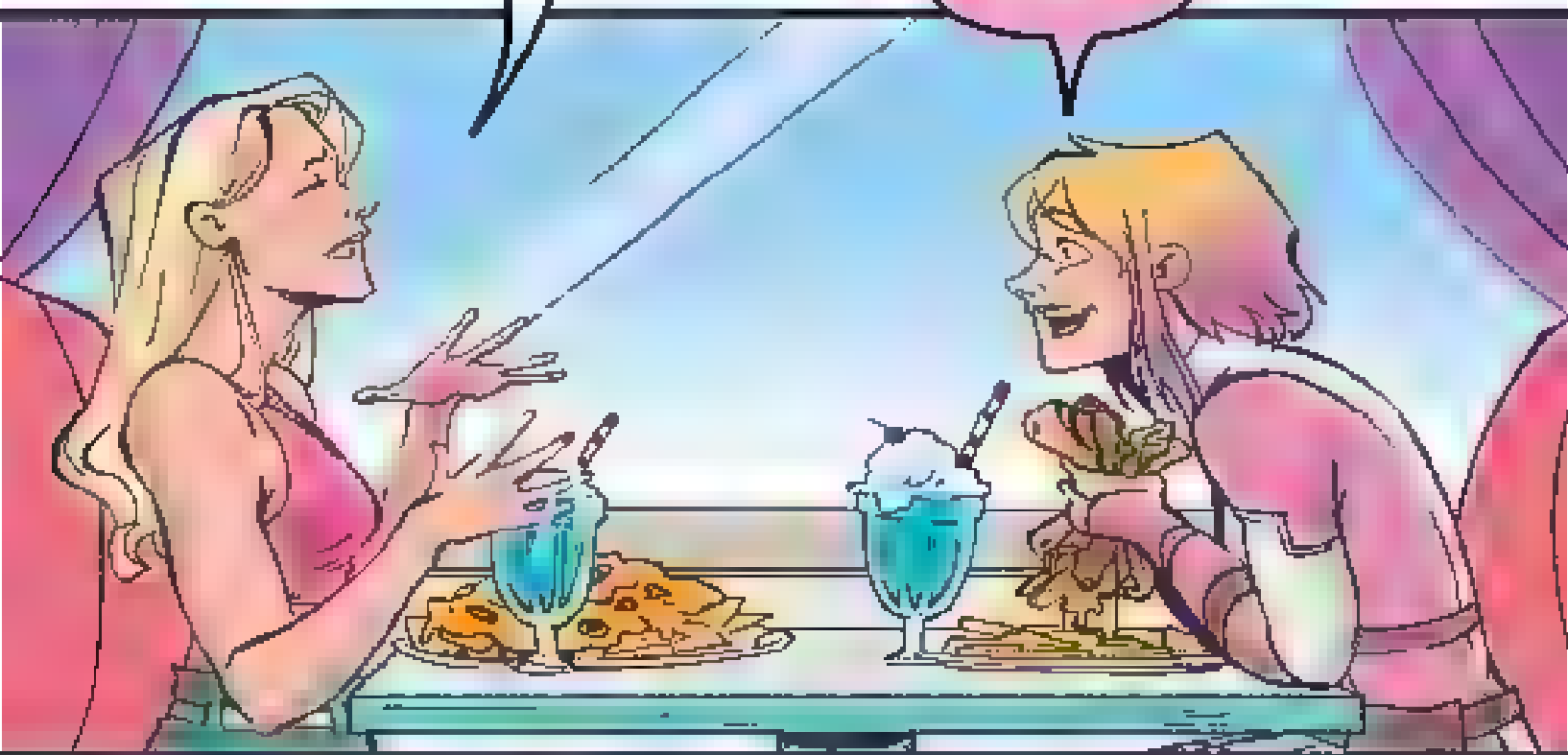




Wait! Are you an Avenger now? That's so cool! You were always one of my favorite heroes.

Me?
Oh gosh, no. I'm taking a break from the super-hero thing right now.

Why?



Well, I got my heart broken

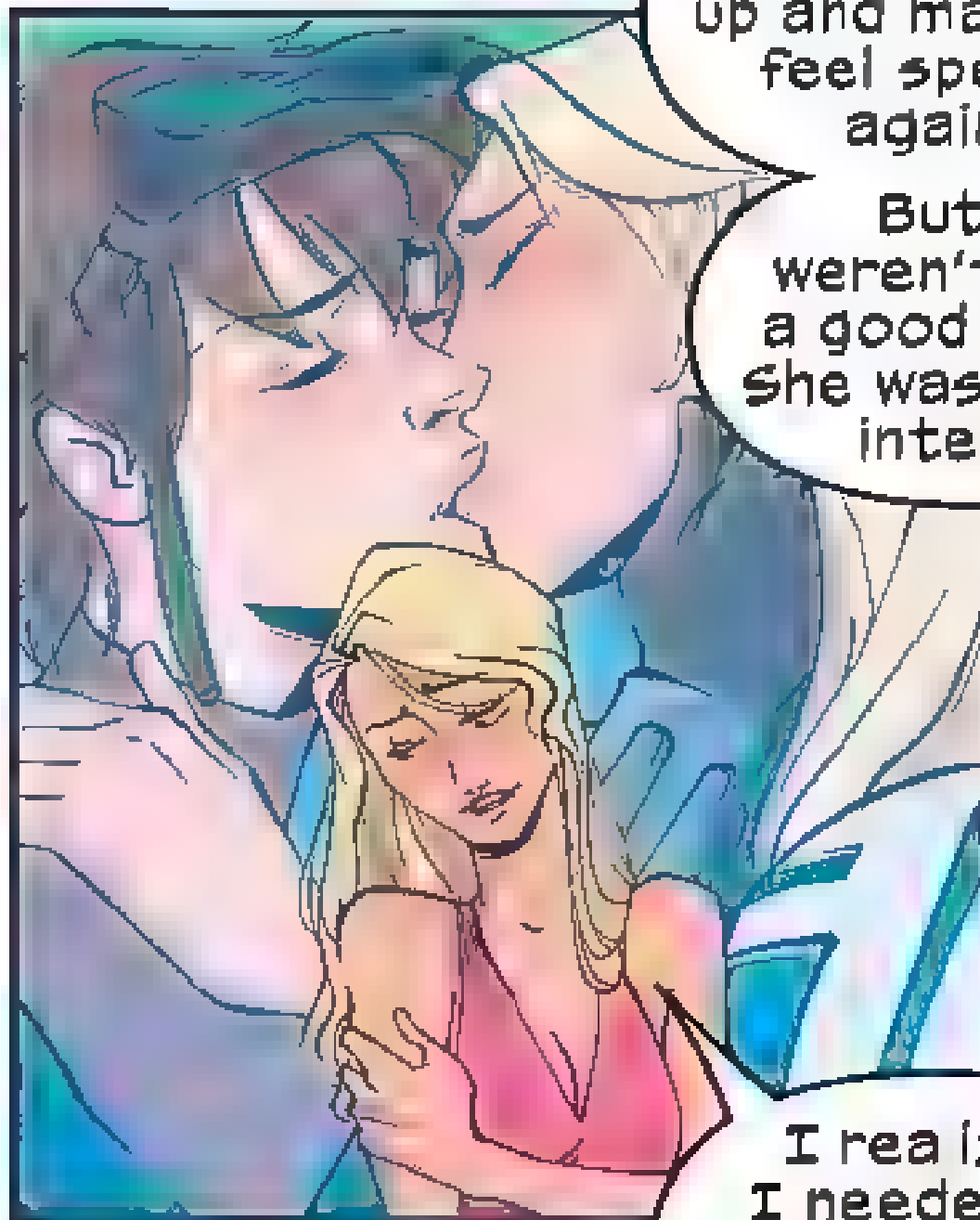
so I ran off

by a girl who glowed like starlight and it really crushed me.

to space with my brother and met a girl who was a Super-Soldier who had lived and died a few dozen times.

She picked me back up and made me feel special again.

But we weren't really a good match. She was kinda... intense.

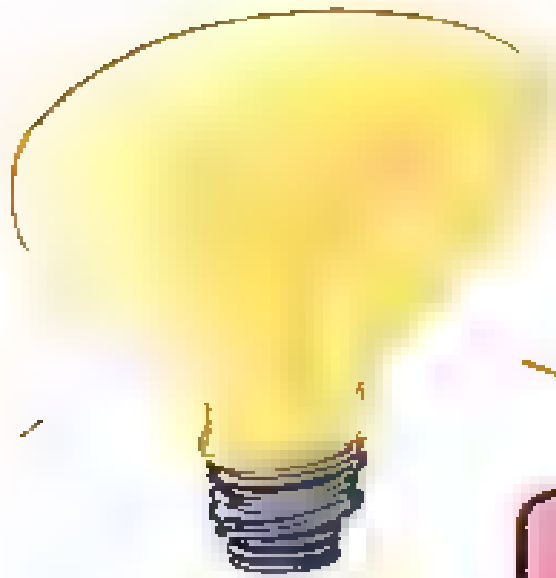


I realized I needed to come back here and finish college.

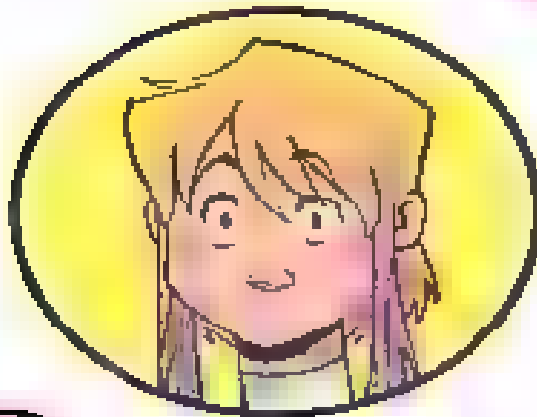
"I was just going to class when I saw that creature."



"Honestly, I mostly jumped in because I saw you and thought, 'I can't let that cute pink-haired girl get crushed!'"



Oh my gosh,
this is it!



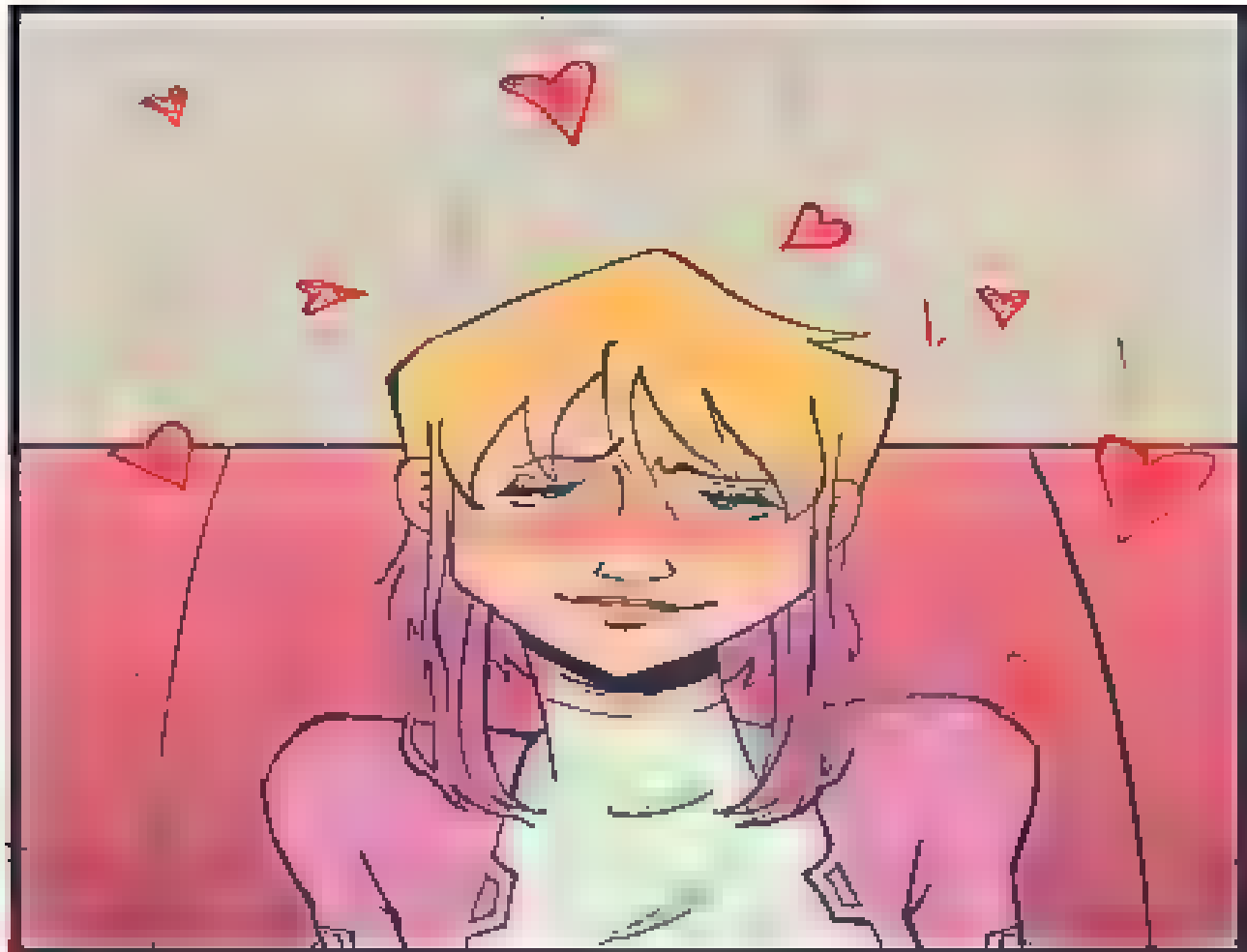
This is what
I was missing!

Because of all the stuff
back home, I dropped out
of high school and never
made it to college.

That's when
my life just
stopped.

I always kinda
thought I might
be bi, but I never
went out.

I never met
people.

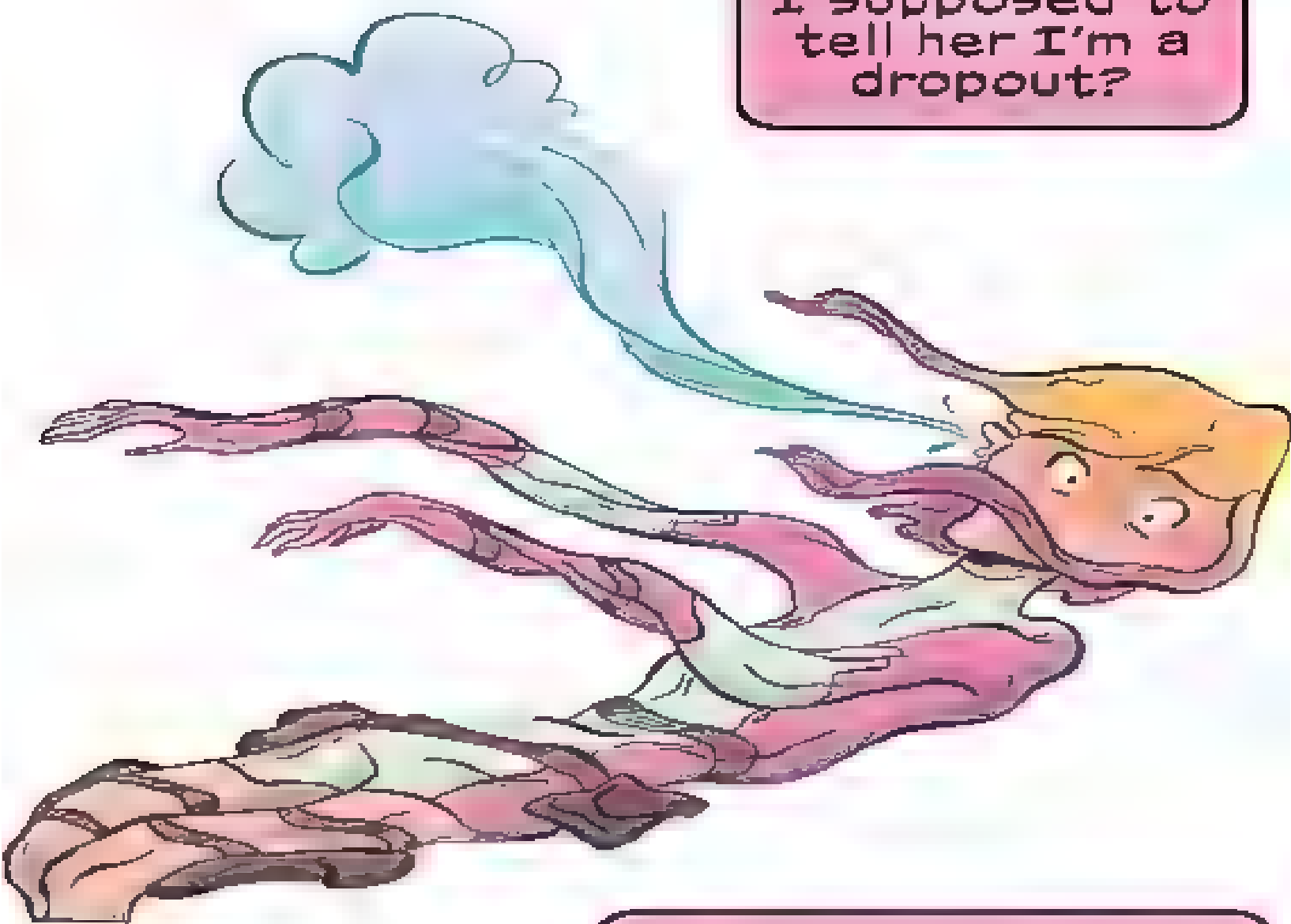


I *barely* left
the house.

I never met
a girl who
liked *me*.

Now Julie Power, the
gosh darn character
I wanted to *be* when
I read **POWER PACK**,
is here hitting on me!

But how am
I supposed to
tell her I'm a
dropout?



The only job I've
held for more than
a week was working
for M.O.D.O.K.!

That's not gonna impress
this beautiful, smart,
continuity-heavy--

Oof!
Wow, sorry!

Just...uh...
urgent--

Don't say
poop!

--period
stuff!

NO!





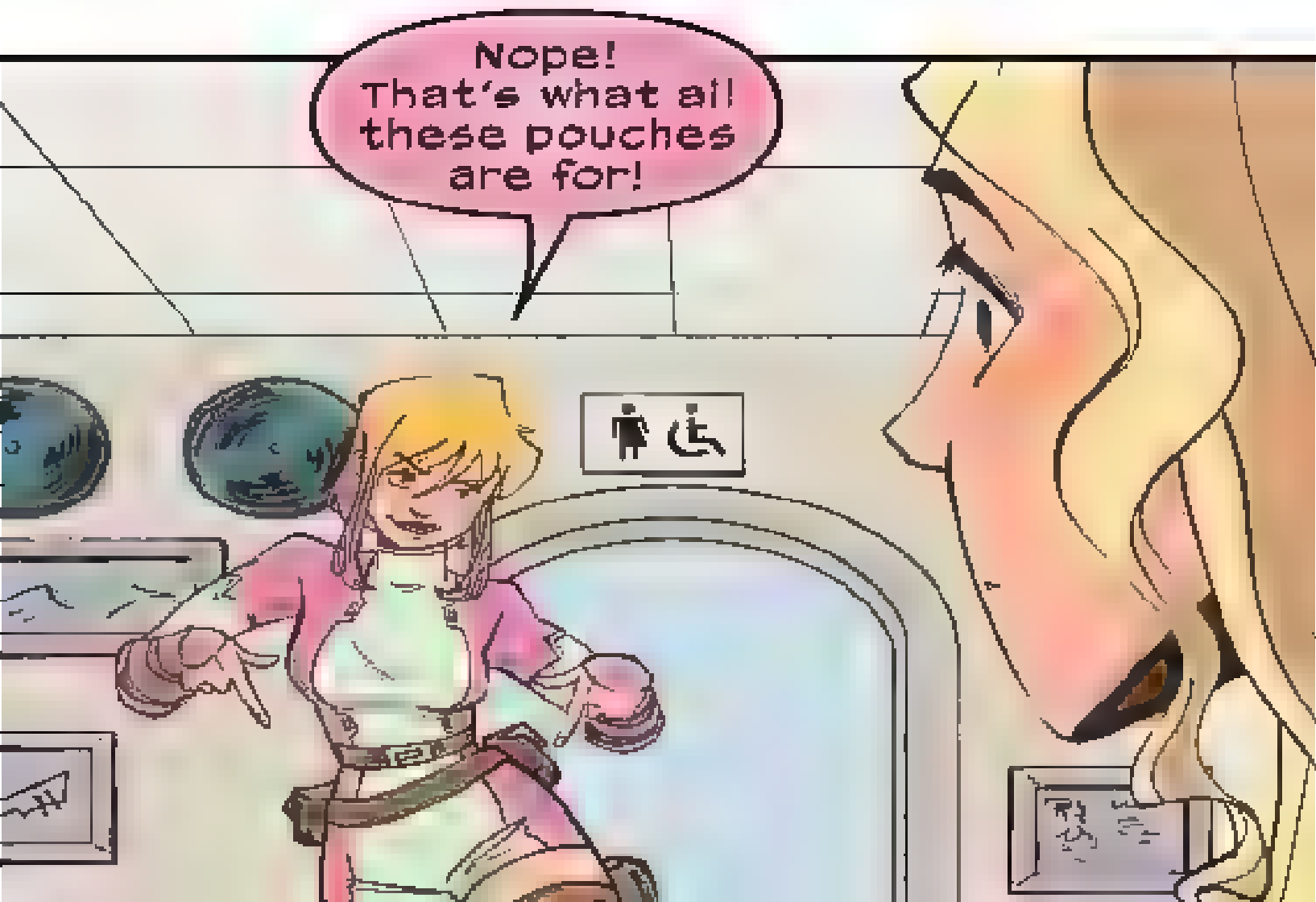
Oh,
I have an
extra in my
purse if
you--

*Why is she
so perfect?*





Nope!
That's what all
these pouches
are for!





And why am
I like...*this*?

Okay, I know I decided
that I wasn't going to
go back and retcon
things anymore.


But this isn't
other people's
lives.

This is about my
chance to get well-
adjusted and have
the romance with
Julie I deserve!

Don't
judge me,
okay?

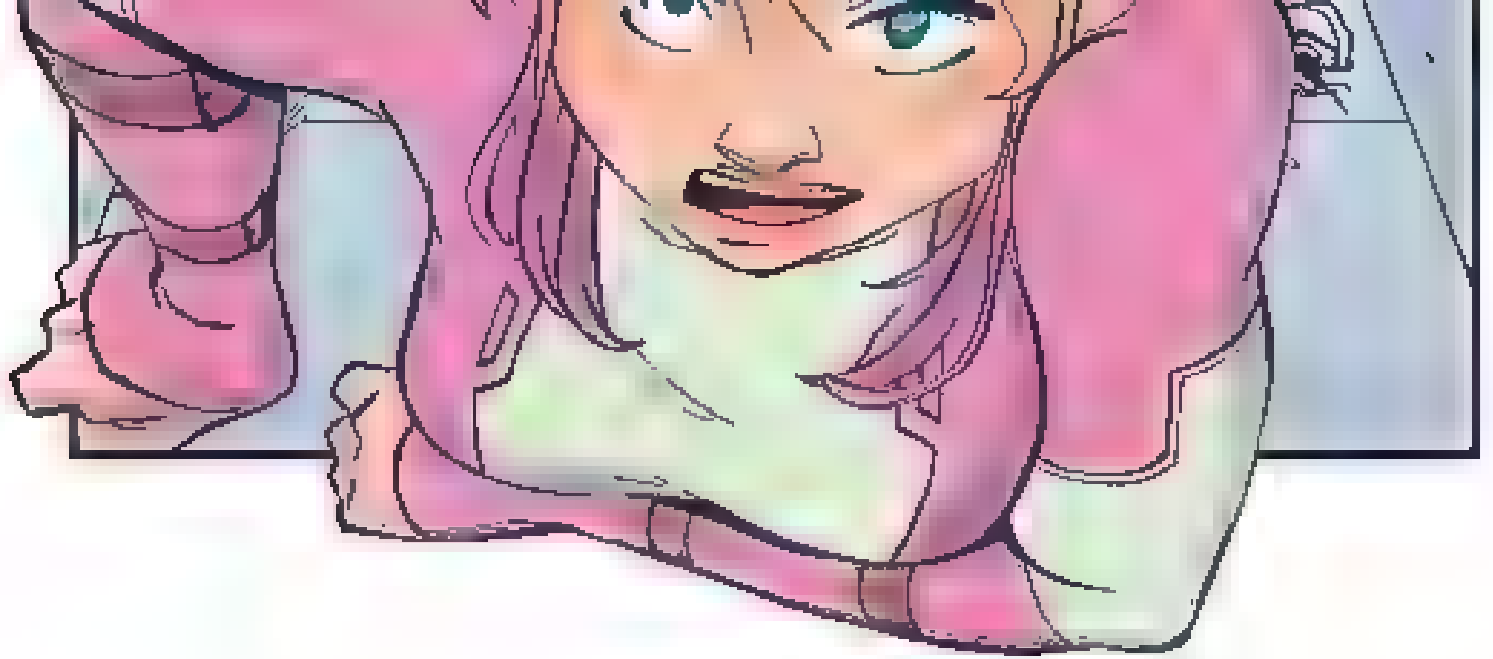
But I think
we can agree that
keeping myself in the
comics and relevant
is important.



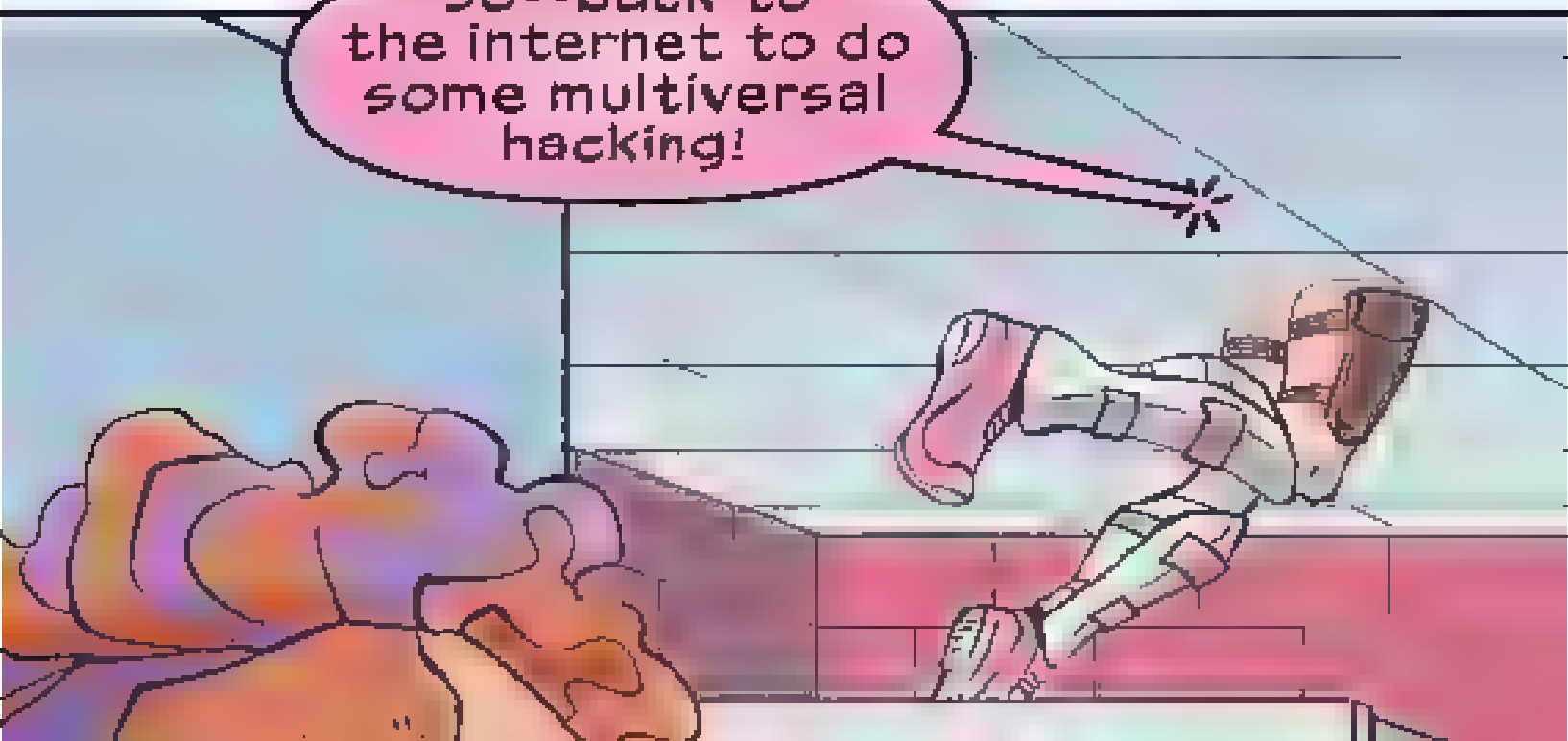
A character with spiky orange hair is shown from the back, looking into a bathroom stall. The stall has a white toilet and a pink wall. Two speech bubbles are coming from the character. The floor is light blue and has some small objects on it, including a black trash can on the right and a grey box on the left.

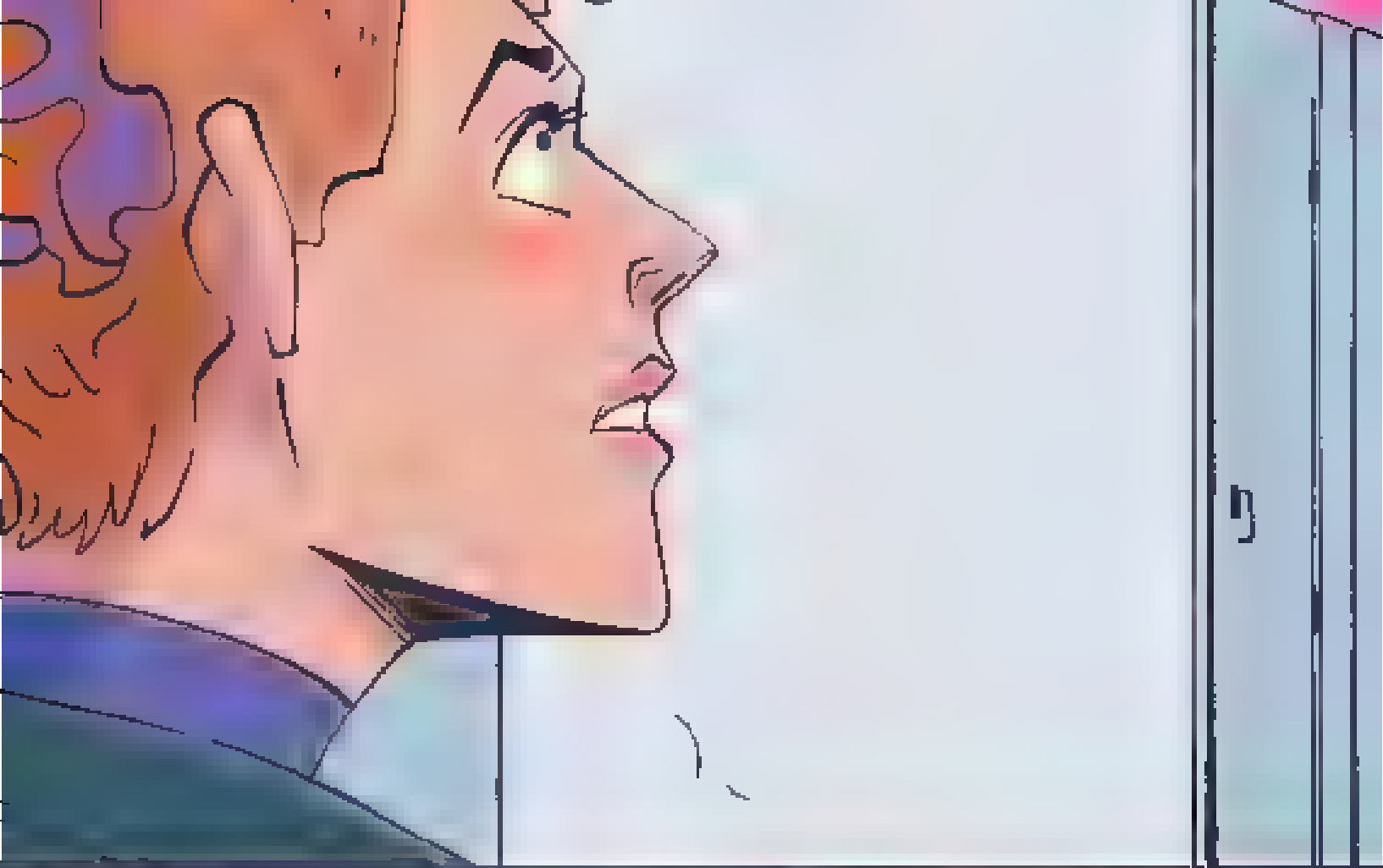
Ooh, with
this, I could even
get a spot in one of
those Pride Month
stories!

I'd look really
good in some sort
of rainbow-colored
variant of my
costume!

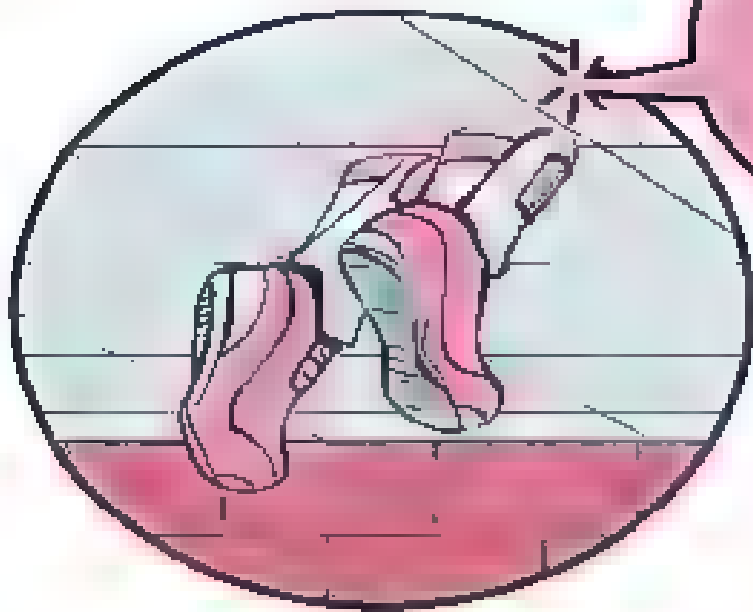


So--back to
the internet to do
some multiversal
hacking!





Everyone
fudges their resumé
a little, right? I should
be able to retcon my
school records, get
myself admitted
to college...

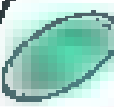




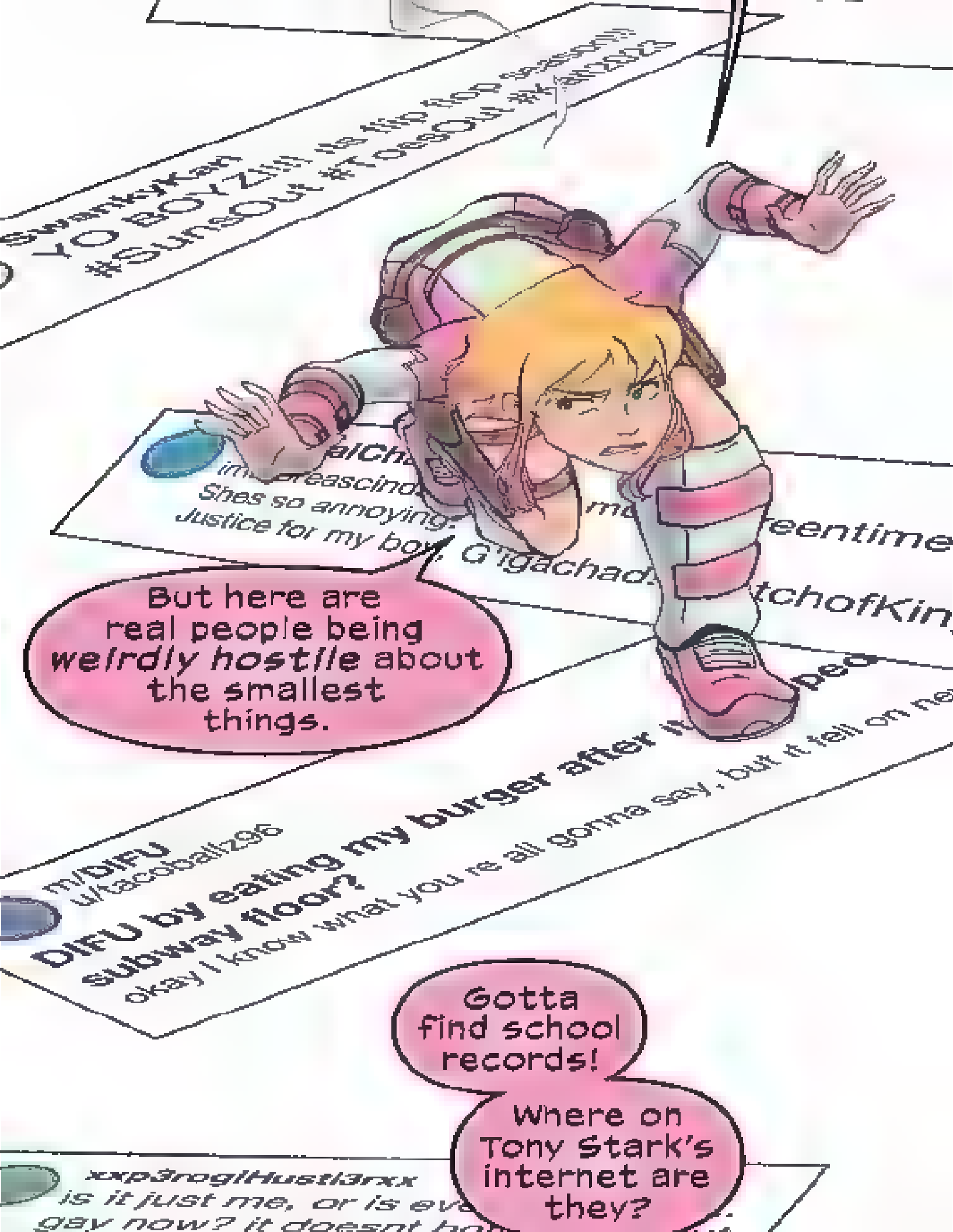
Oh god,
here come
the messages
and threads
again!

You
know, people in
the real world say it's
unrealistic that when
heroes meet other
heroes in comics,
they always end
up fighting.

free stuff at my local convenience

 *sk8_Bby99*
UGH. My Grandma ordered
pineapple on the pizza >

 *Thicc&Juicy*
bro stop acting so Maidenless



swankykan
YO BOYZ!!! its the first time...
#SunsOut #TeesOut #KissesOut

alCh...
in... breascind...
Shes so annoying.
Justice for my boy. G'igachad.

reentime
tchhofKin...

peo...

DIFU by eating my burger after it fell on ne...

m/DIFU
u/tacoballz96

xrp3rogIHustl3rxx
is it just me, or is eve...
gay now? it doesnt hon...

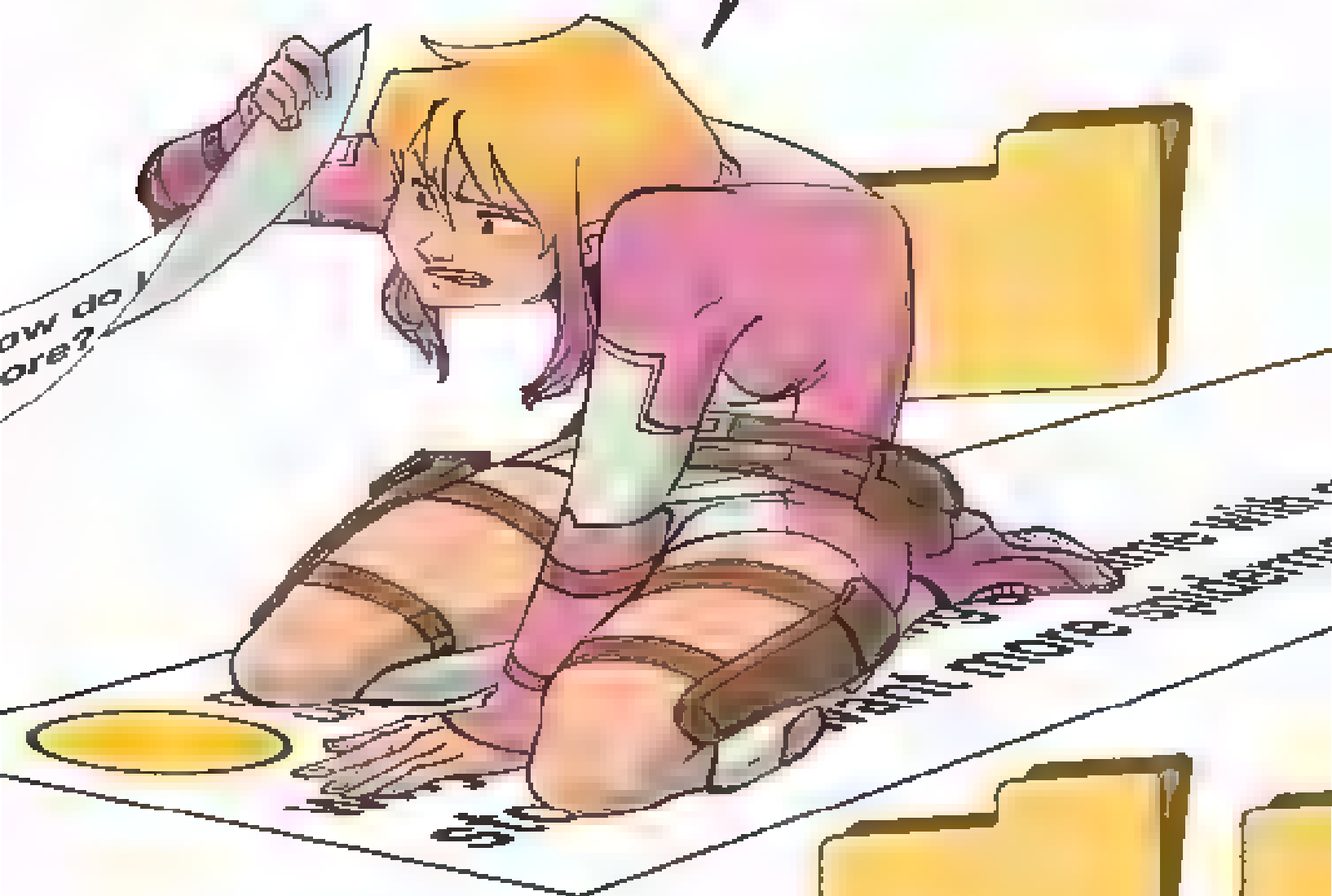
But here are
real people being
weirdly hostile about
the smallest
things.

Gotta
find school
records!

Where on
Tony Stark's
internet are
they?

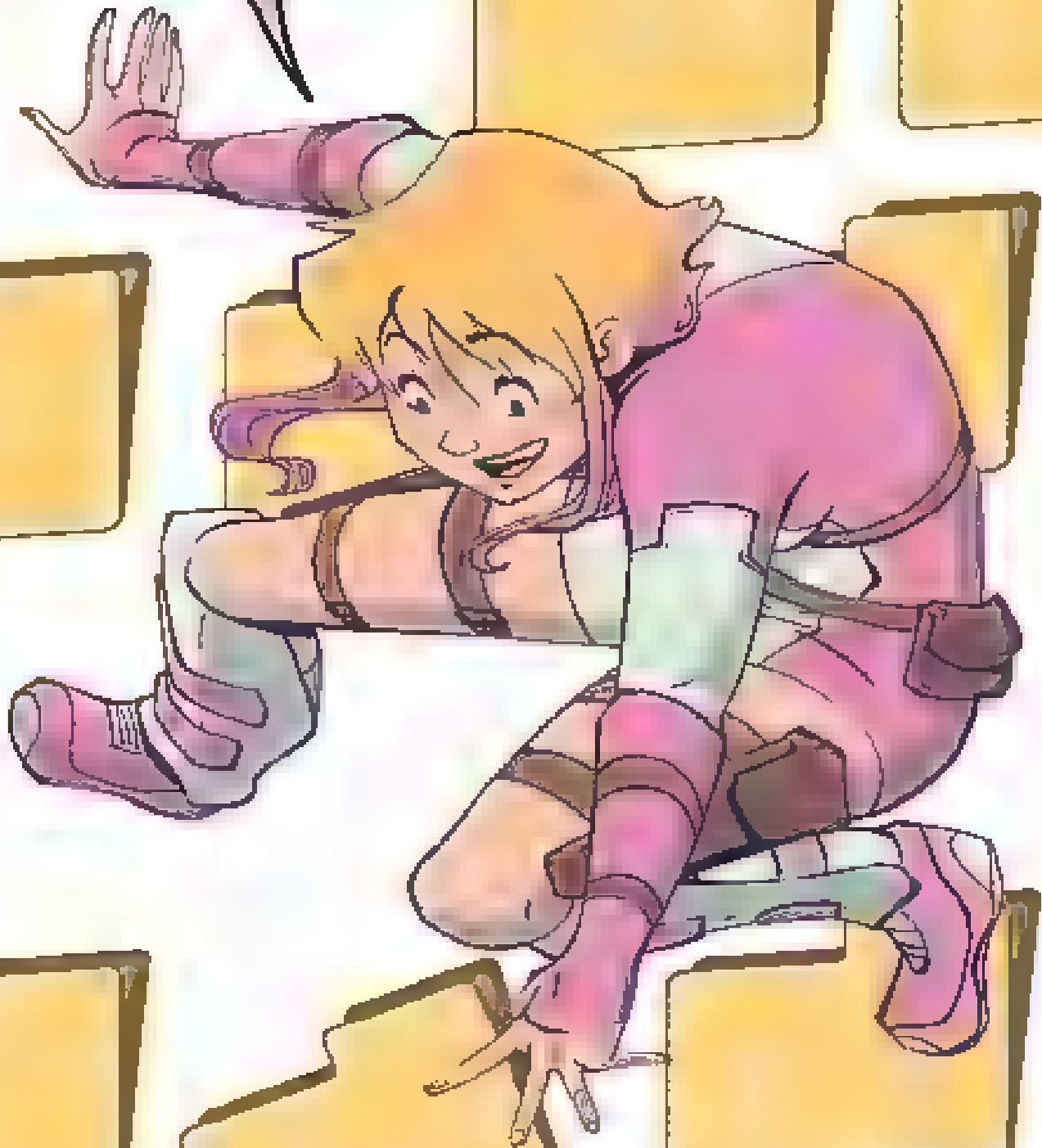
it really breaks my immers

ow do
ore?



Ah, there!
Isn't this
fun?

They spelled
Gwendolyn three
different ways
in here.



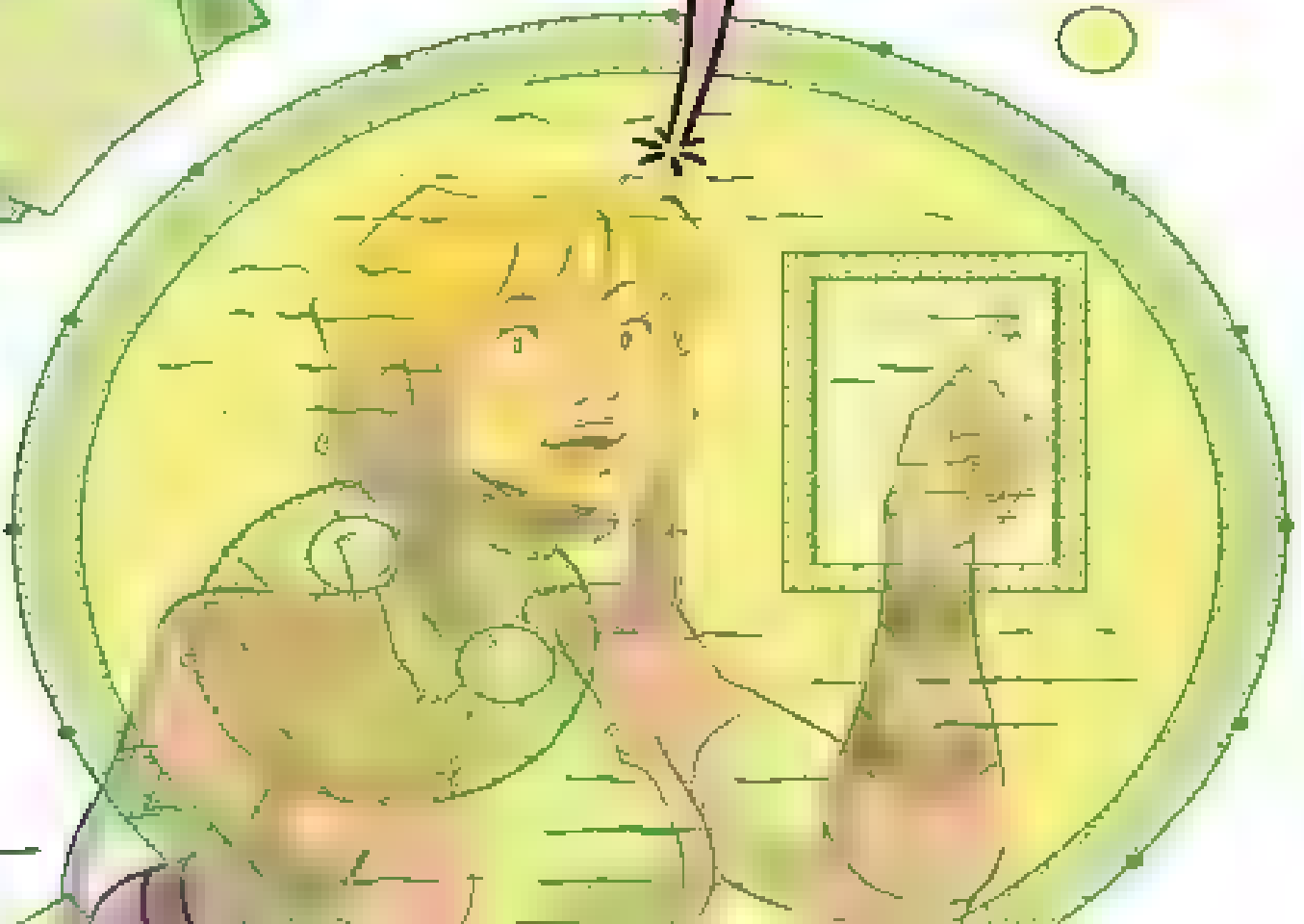
Gwendolyn
poole

I'm in!

Now,
time to make
hacking look as
cool as it does
in movies.

What grades
should I give
myself?

All A's is
not realistic with
my ADHD, but let's
give me A's in the
good stuff.






Now, not
graduating
high school is
established
continuity.

So let's say
I took some
online classes
on Krakoa.



I got my diploma.

Congratulations,
me!

A hand-drawn illustration showing a person's legs and feet from the knees down. The person is wearing light-colored pants and white socks. They are standing on a green, circular surface that resembles a stage or arena floor, with a yellow border. The background is a light green color with some faint, wavy lines. There are two speech bubbles: one at the top right and one in the center. The person's feet are positioned at the bottom of the frame, with the right foot slightly ahead of the left foot.

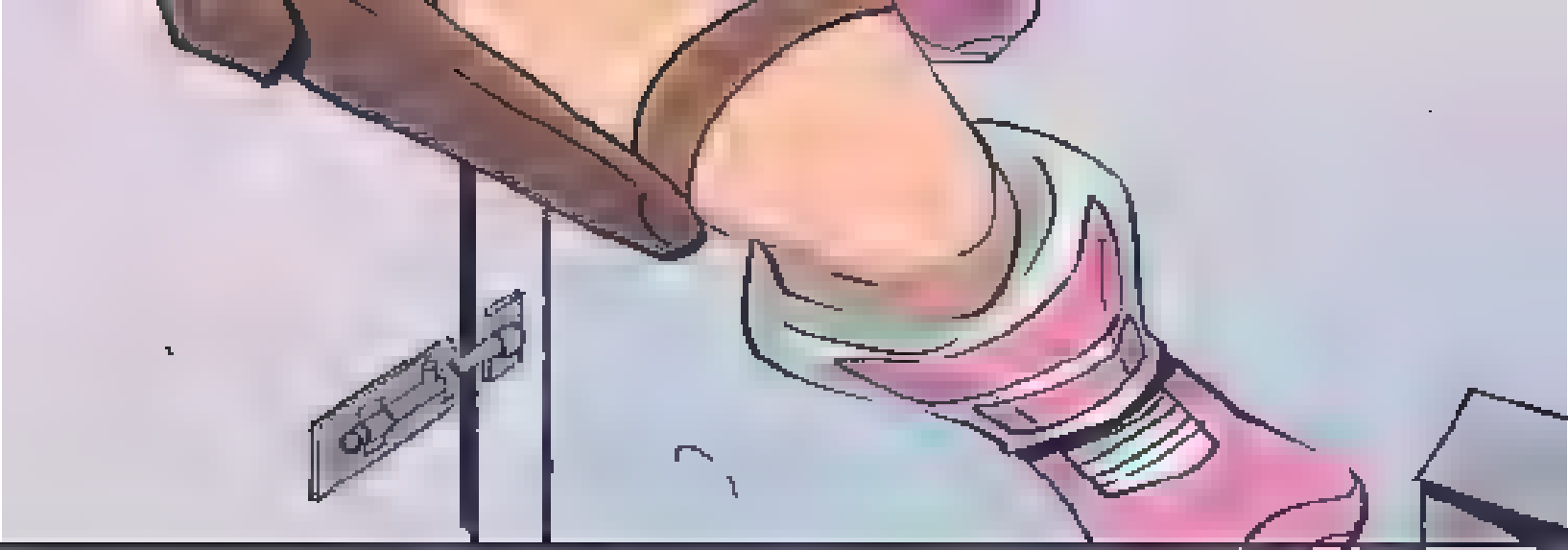
Oh, thank
you, me!

And I was
officially accepted to
Empire State University
with a major in...Game
Design!



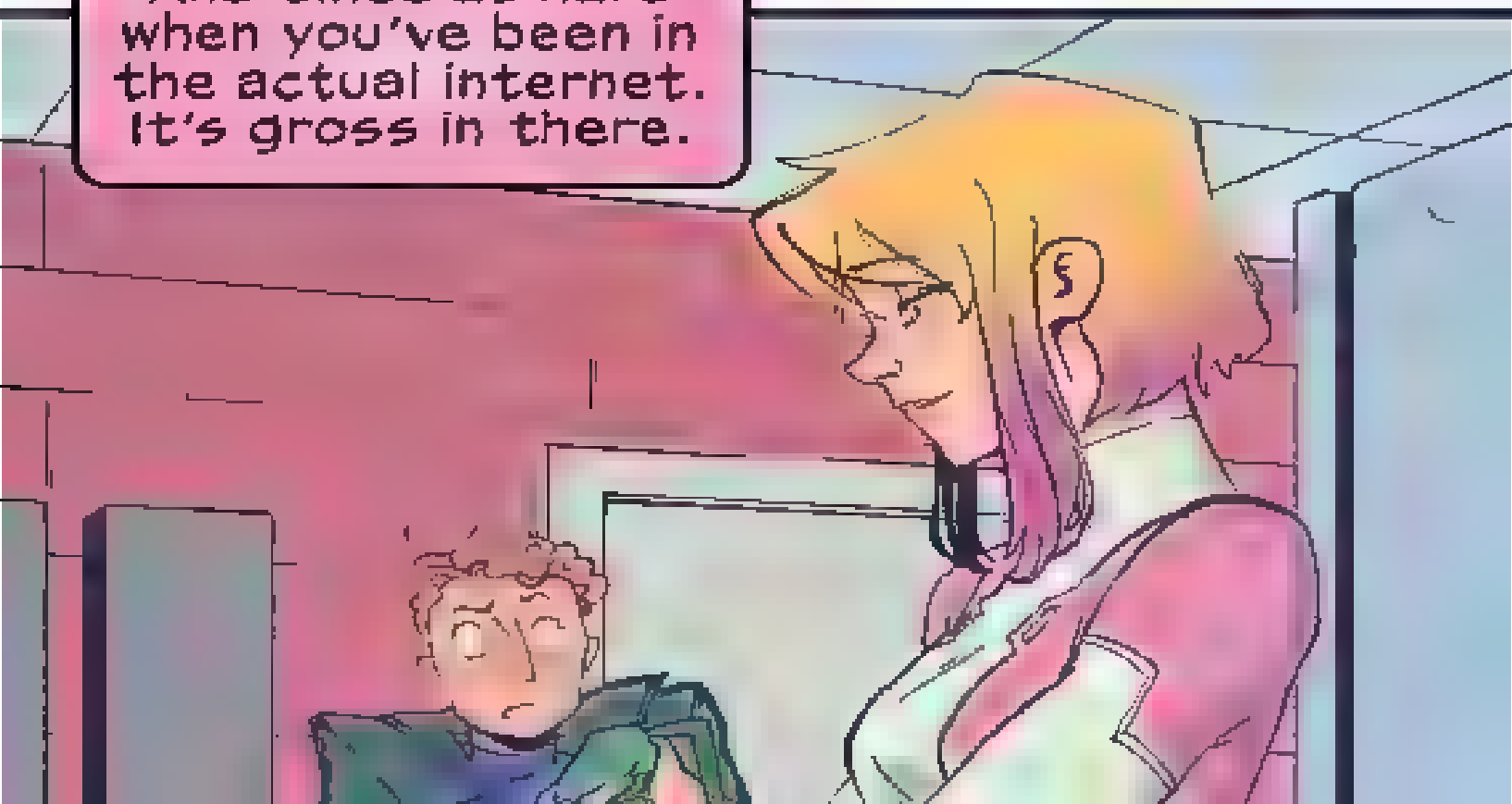
AND
DONE!

Wee!



You should always
wash your hands
before leaving
the bathroom.

And twice as hard
when you've been in
the actual internet.
It's gross in there.

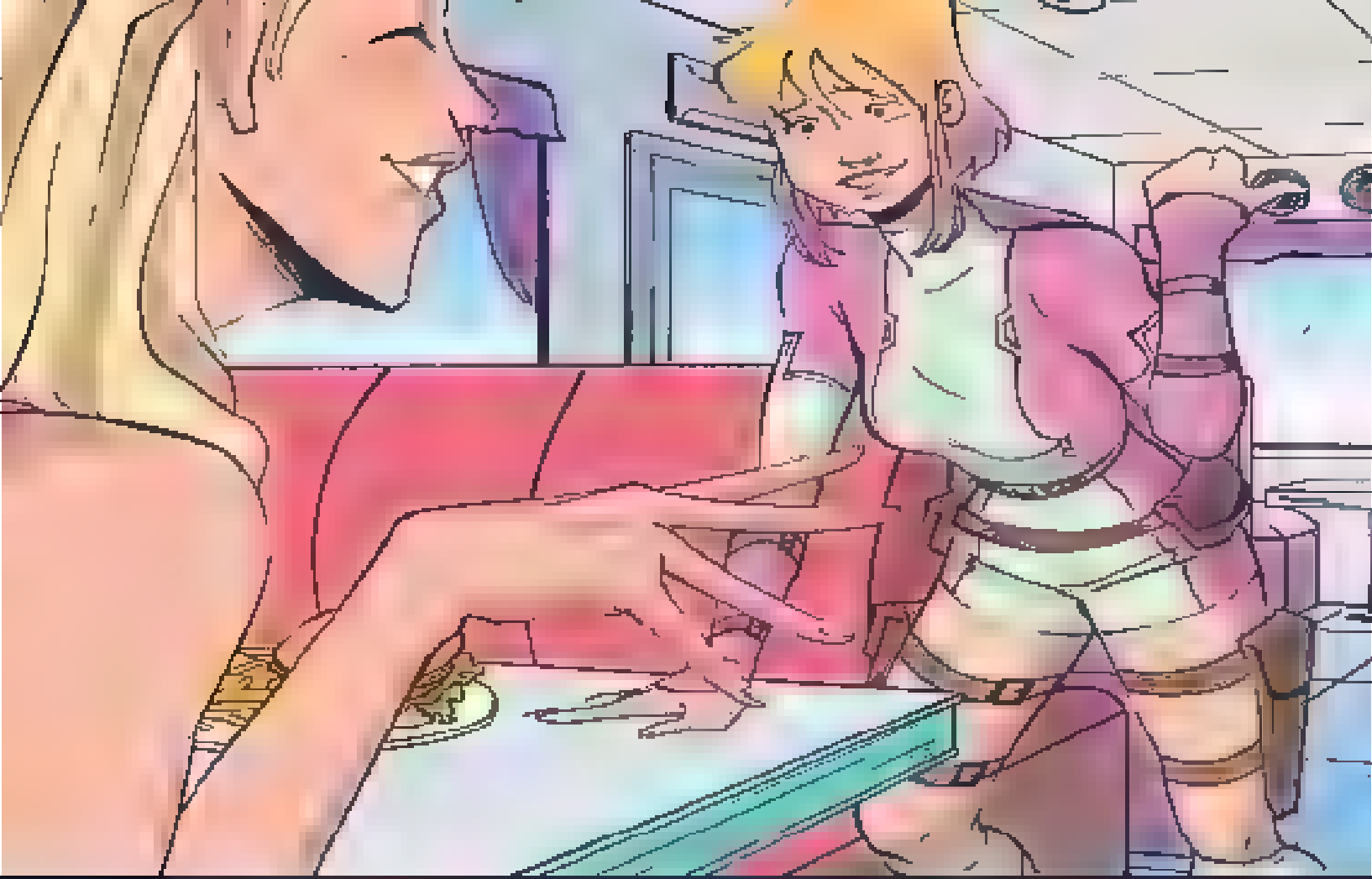




Thanks for waiting.

It's like the wild west in there.

Oh, no problem. I don't have class for a few more hours anyway.



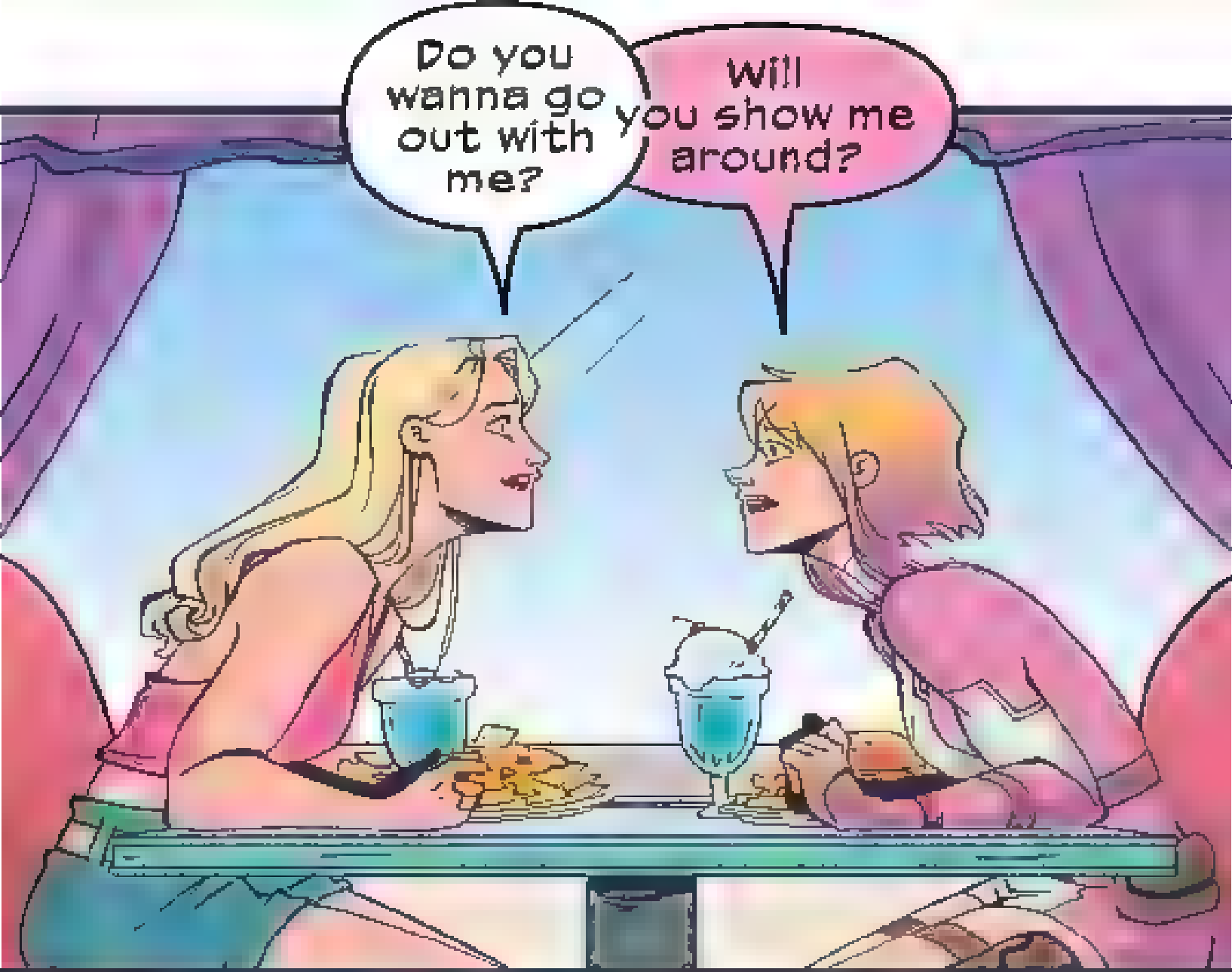
Hey,
about that,
I just started
at Empire
State.

I don't
actually know
anybody
here.

I was
wondering
if...

...just
maybe--





Do you
wanna go
out with
me?

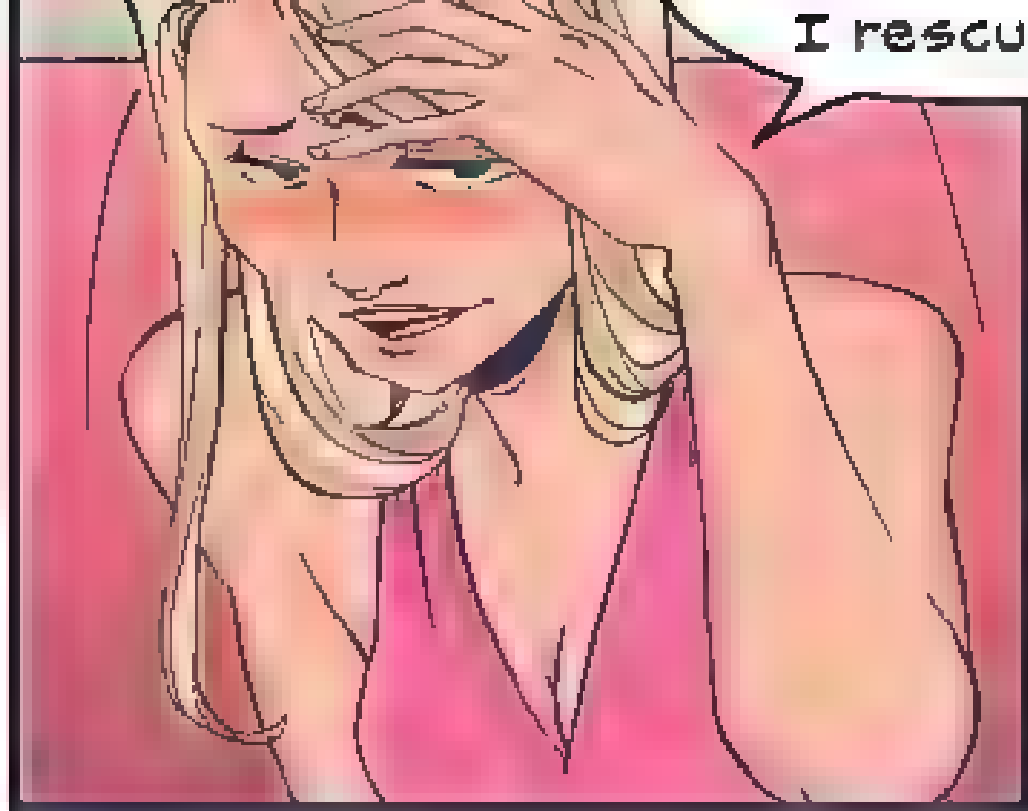
Will
you show me
around?

Oh no,
that was so
weird.

We've only
known each other
for like twenty
minutes.

Of course
I'll show you
around.

I don't want
you to feel like
you have to go out
with me because

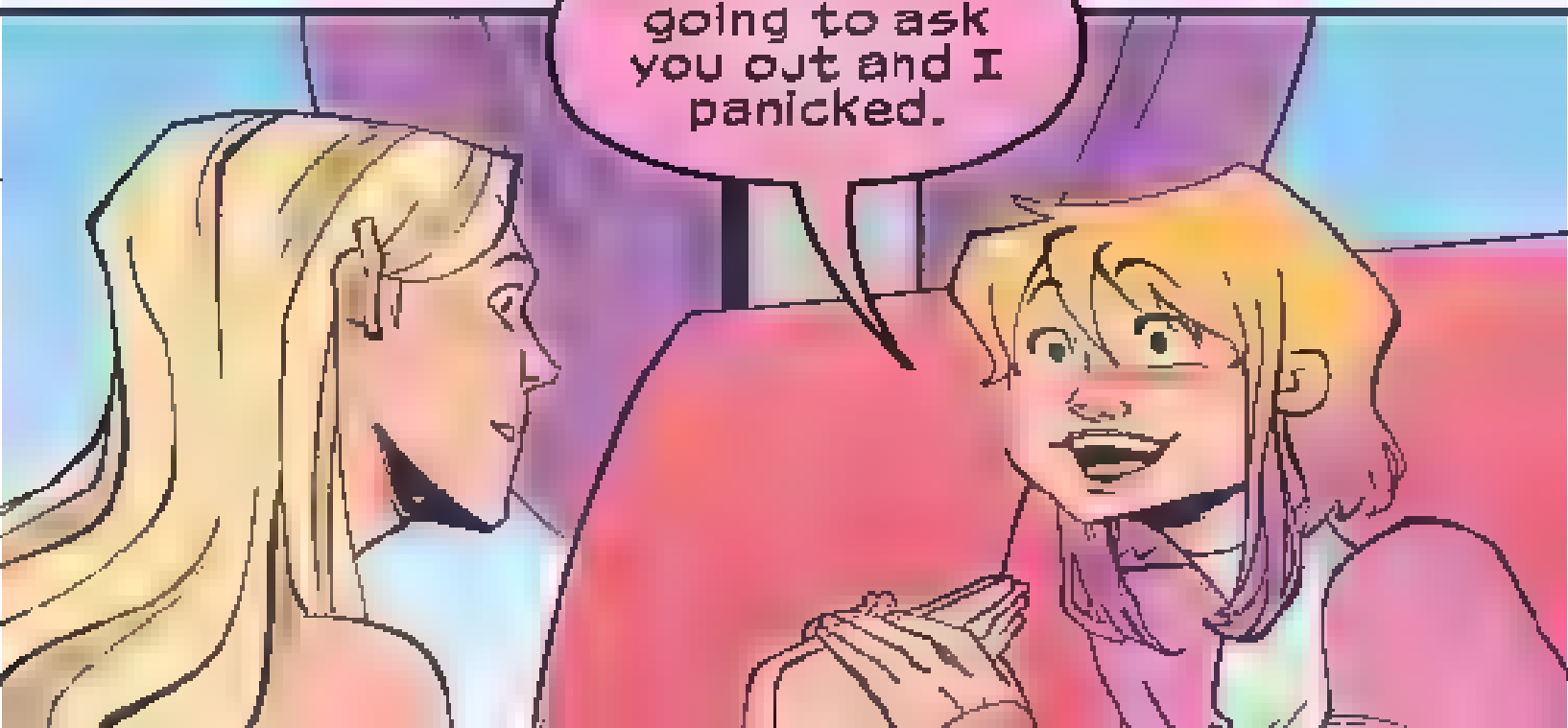


I rescued--

YES!

Julie Power,
I will absolutely
go out with
you!

I was
going to ask
you out and I
panicked.



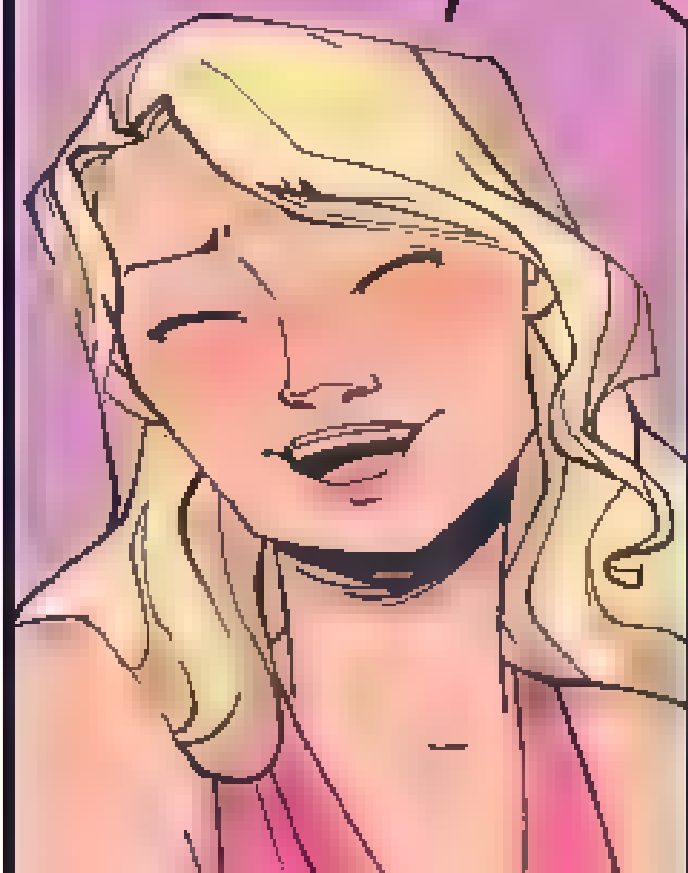


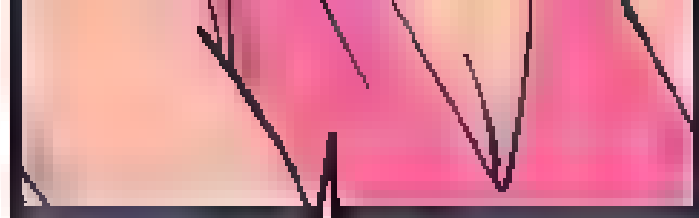
Oh good,
because I was
sitting here thinking
about it when you
were in the
bathroom.

That's
funny, because
I was thinking about
you while I was in
the bathroom.

But not in,
like, a weird
way.

Wait, that
sounded horrible.
Can we do this
conversation
over again?

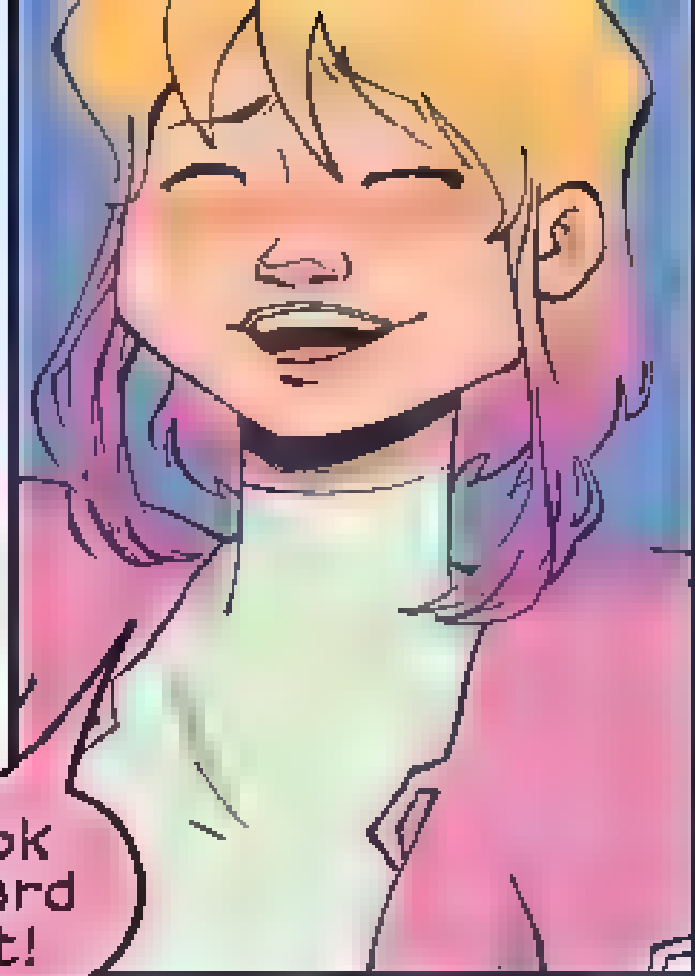




No,
but we can
have a bunch
more!

Don't worry,
I will absolutely
embarrass myself
too!

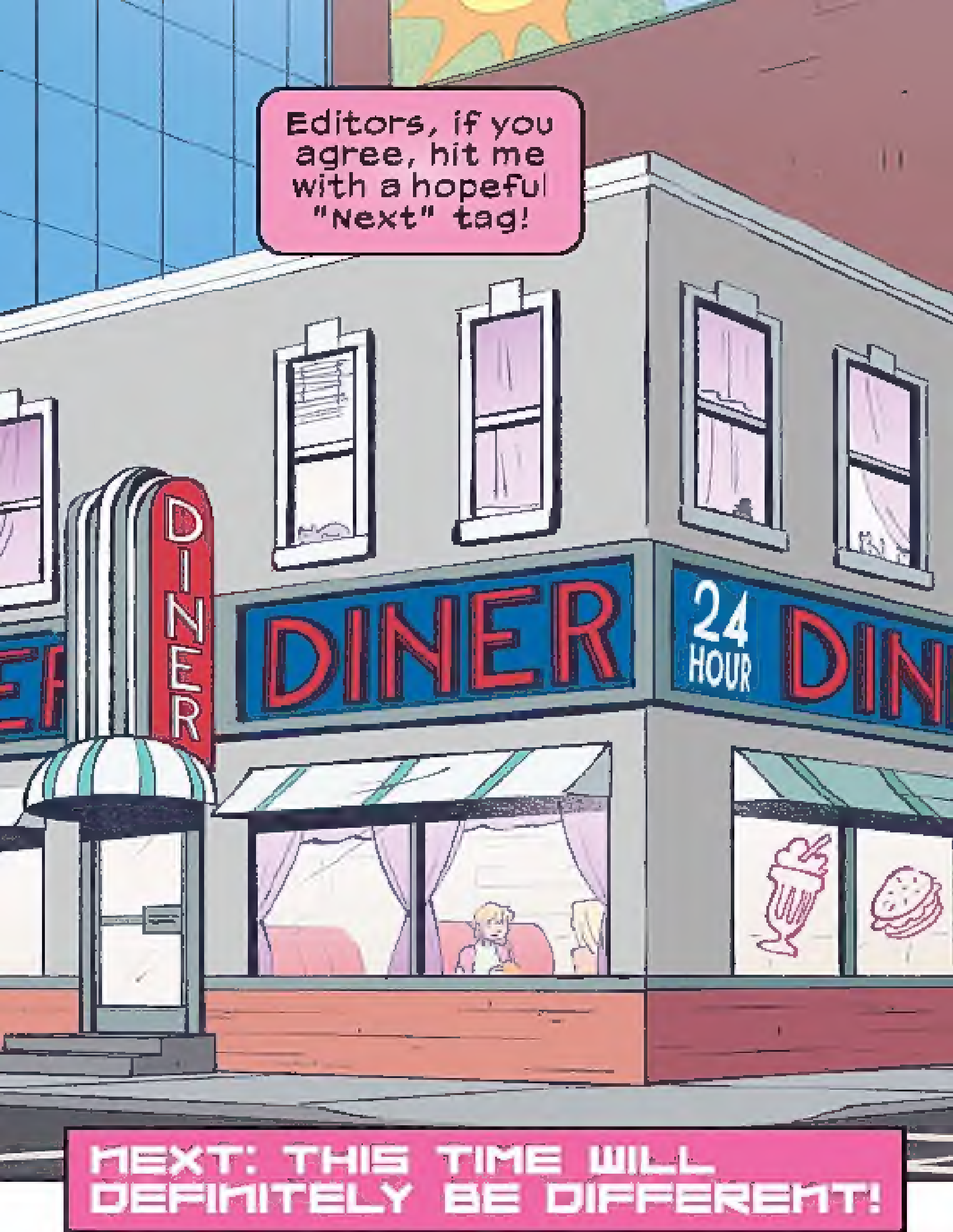
I look
forward
to it!



This feels good. It's
weird and it's nervous
and it's good.

I think, this
time, things
could actually
work out.





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NEXT: THIS TIME WILL DEFINITELY BE DIFFERENT!

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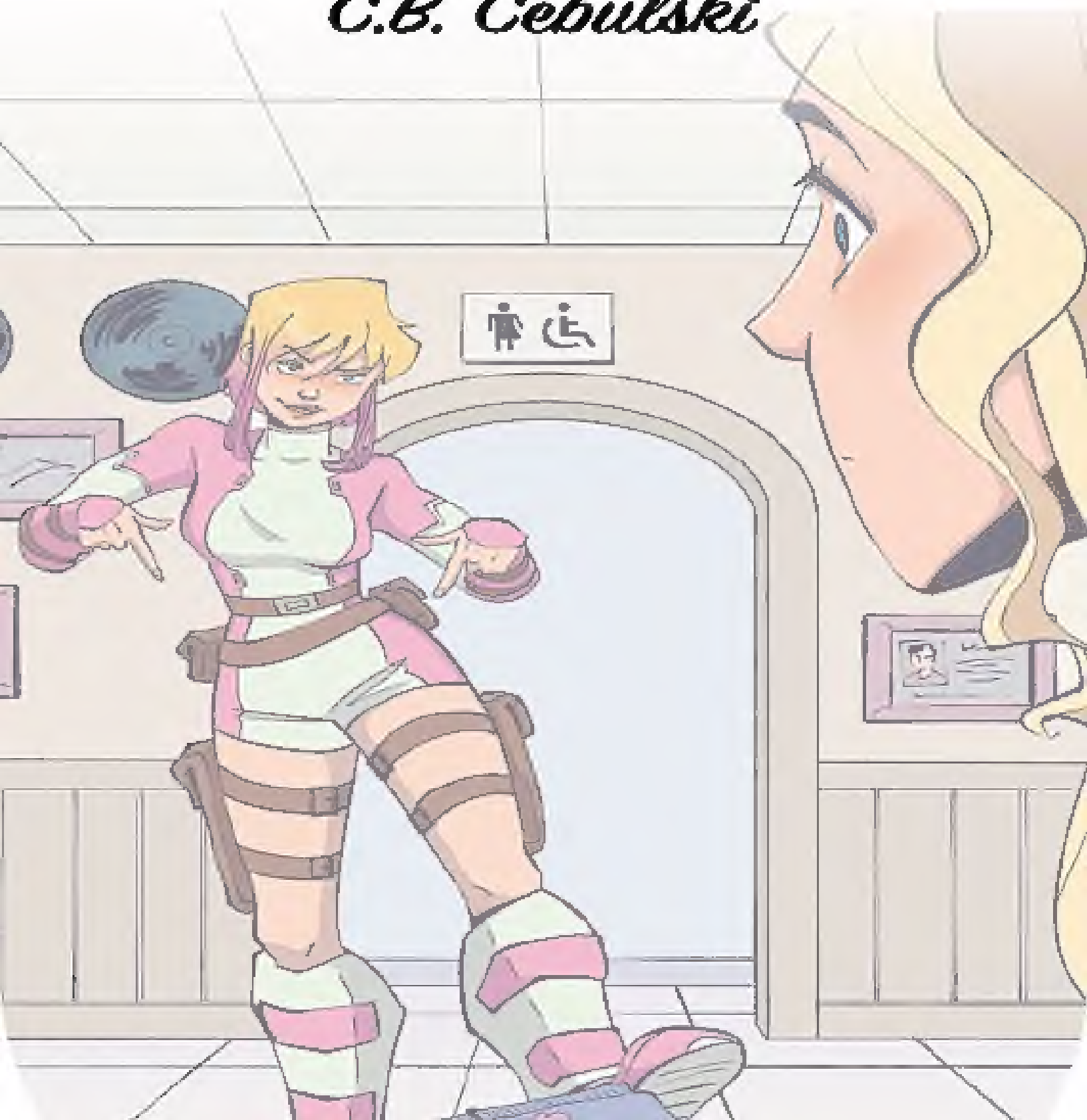
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